

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for displaying programming information using a remote control device, comprising:
 - accepting user input for creating a favorites page having a plurality of icons each of which is assigned a command code to be transmitted by the remote control device to tune an intended target appliance to a channel;
- 10 accepting user input selecting one of the icons from a display of the favorites page; and
 - in response to the user selecting an icon, displaying in a first window area information relevant to content available from a provider of content on the channel associated with the selected icon.
- 15 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information displayed in the first window is relevant to content currently being presented by the provider of content on the channel associated with the selected icon.
- 20 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information displayed in the first window is relevant to content to be presented in the future by the provider of content on the channel associated with the selected icon.

4. The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising displaying in a second window, in response to the user selecting the icon, information relevant to content to be presented in the future by the provider of content on the channel associated with the selected icon.

5 5. The method as recited in each of claims 1-4, further comprising causing, in response to the user selecting the icon, the remote control device to transmit the command to tune the intended target appliance to the channel associated with the selected icon.

10 6. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the first window area and the second window area are associated with a favorites page.

7. The method as recited in each of claims 1-3, further comprising accepting user input for expanding and contracting the first window area.

15 8. The method as recited in claim 7, in which the expansion and contraction of the first window area allows overlay and display, respectively, of a user interface page having command function keys.

20 9. The method as recited in claim 4, further comprising accepting user input for expanding and contracting the first and second window areas.

10. The method as recited in claim 9, in which the expansion and contraction of the first and second window areas allows overlay and display, respectively, of a user interface page having command function keys.